

Amendment #2
RFP NIH-NIAMS-02-03
CLINICAL CENTERS FOR THE OSTEOARTHRITIS INITIATIVE

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Name and Address of Contractor: N/A

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth below.

The hour and the date specified for receipt of offers IS NOT EXTENDED. Offerors must acknowledge receipt of the amendment prior to the hour and the date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

1. By requesting a copy of the Standard Form 30 for this amendment and completing the information requested in items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copy of the amendment; (a hard copy of this amendment, including the Standard Form 30, may be requested from Ms. Eileen Webster-Cissel).
2. By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or
3. By separate letter, telegram, or Electronic Mail which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers.

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RFP NIH-NIAMS-02-03 is hereby amended as follows:

Part IV, Representations and Instructions, Section M, Evaluation Factors for Award, is hereby revised as follows:

Paragraph 3, Technical Evaluation Criteria, is revised to read as follows:

3. TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals shall be evaluated in accordance with the following technical evaluation criteria, which are weighted in the order of their relative importance, with a maximum total score of 100 points.

(a) PERSONNEL - WEIGHT (40%)

Clinical Center Staff

Medical and support staff with expertise in large clinical cohorts, evaluation and diagnosis of Osteoarthritis (OA), data collection and management. Demonstrated experience in recruitment and retention of subjects for long term clinical studies and studies of similar complexity. The offeror can either provide such expertise on site or negotiate expertise in the form of a collaborative agreement with an outside consultant 25%

Principal Investigator & Project Director

Experience and expertise in clinical research in osteoarthritis; clinical management of OA; demonstrated understanding of and experience with clinical and radiographic criteria for the diagnosis of OA; demonstrated expertise with the design, development, and implementation of clinical cohort studies in arthritis or studies of similar complexity; administration and interpretation of outcomes measures; and experience managing large clinical cohorts 15%

(b) TECHNICAL APPROACH - WEIGHT (35%)

Adequacy of the proposed methods of coordination, monitoring, and management of all activities required by the study protocol, including procedures, coordination of data collection, collection of specimens, and specialized tests 20%

Suitability of the proposed plan for data collection sample data management and data analysis 10%

Adequacy and feasibility to develop and carry out the protocol
and methods to meet the objectives of the RFP 05%

(c) INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE AND FACILITIES - WEIGHT (25%)

Availability and adequacy of the facilities and resources necessary
for conducting study, including radiological facilities, suitable space
available for dedicated magnetic resonance unit and clinics,
capabilities for data management and analysis, including computer
hardware, software, and other equipment in order to successfully
implement the requirements of the contract 15%

Adequacy of the organizational and administrative structure of the
proposed program and institutional commitment to the program 10%

Total 100%